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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR TEXT OF KNESSET DEBATE

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1. WE HAVE SEARCHED OUR COLLECTIVE MEMORY AS WELL AS OUR FILES AND ARE UNABLE TO RECALL ANY BEGIN/DMC ("DASH") PUBLIC DEBATE OR EXCHANGE ON SETTLEMENTS. AS AN ADDED CHECK WE QUERIED SEVERAL DMC MKS. THEY AGREED THAT NO SUCH EVENT TOOK PLACE. MK AMNON RUBINSTEIN SUGGESTED THAT THE ALLEGED DEBATE IS BEING CONFUSED WITH THE RECENT CONSIDERATION OF WEST BANK SETTLEMENT PLANS BY THE KNESSET FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECURITY COMMITTEE. BEGIN WAS NOT PRESENT AT THAT MEETING AND THE COMMITTEE'S DELIBERATIONS ARE SECRET. HOWEVER, THERE WAS SOME PRESS REPORTING OF WHAT TOOK PLACE, EVEN IF LITTLE OF IT WAS IN THE WAY OF POSITION STATEMENTS BY GOVERNMENT LEADERS. (SEE TEL AVIV 476 AND 666 FOR REPORTING OF THE RESULTS OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING.)

2. OTHER THAN THAT POSSIBILITY WE CAN ONLY GUESS THAT
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THE EGYPTIAN MFA OFFICIAL MAY HAVE HAD IN MIND BEGIN'S SPEECH IN THE DEC 28 KNESSET DEBATE OF HIS PEACE PROPOSALS OR HIS REMARKS TO CODEL ZABLOCKI ON JAN 15 THAT ANY ISRAELI PM WHO GAVE UP THE RAFAH AREA SETTLEMENTS WOULD BE THROWN OUT. HE ADDED, "BUT I WOULD RESIGN BEFORE THAT." THE FOLLOWING IS THE EXCERPT ON SETTLEMENTS FROM BEGIN'S DEC 28 SPEECH.

3. BEGIN TEXT: "THE SECOND PART, OF THE PLAN BEGIN SAYS HE PRESENTED AT ISMAILIA) NAMELY, THE PRINCIPLES FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL IN THE CONTEXT OF A PEACE TREATY ARE: DEMILITARIZATION: THE EGYPTIAN ARMY SHALL NOT CROSS THE GIDI-MITLH LINE. BETWEEN THE SUEZ CANAL AND THIS LINE THE AGREEMENT FOR THE THINNING OUT OF FORCES SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE. JEWISH SETTLEMENTS SHALL REMAIN IN PLACE. THESE SETTLEMENTS WILL BE LINKED WITH ISRAEL'S ADMINISTRATION AND COURTS. THEY WILL BE PROTECTED BY AN ISRAELI FORCE - AND I REPEAT THIS SENTENCE FOR A REASON WELL KNOWN TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE - THEY WILL BE PROTECTED BY AN ISRAELI FORCE. A TRANSITION PERIOD OF A NUMBER OF YEARS, DURING WHICH IDF FORCES WILL BE STATIONED ON A DEFENSIVE LINE IN CENTRAL SINAI, AND AIRFIELDS AND EARLY WARNING INSTALLATIONS WILL BE MAINTAINED, UNTIL THE WITHDRAWAL OF OUR FORCES TO THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY." LEWIS

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